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STANDING COMMITTEES

On Obituary—H. H. Goff, J. A. Blaylock, C. S. Johnson.

On Temperance—H. H. Goff, W. B. Strickland, W. P. Collier.

Deportment and Work of the Ministry—W. P. Collier, A. W. Gregory, J. L. Alphin, H. N. Jernigan, R. H. Allen.

On Education—J. Ruffin Johnson, H. W. Jernigan, J. A. Blalock, C. A. Jackson, H. H. Goff.

Mission Board—N. H. Pope, J. Ruffin Johnson, C. A. Jackson, H. B. Ryals, Lemuel Hardee.

Ordaining Council—J. Ruffin Johnson, C. A. Jackson, J. A. Blaylock.

ORDAINED MINISTERRS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

Blaylock, J. A. .....Dunn, N. C.
Betler, J. D. .....Goldsboro, N. C.
Goff, H. H. .....Falcon, N. C.
Hare, W. B. .....Duke, N. C.
Jernigan, H. W. .....Dunn, N. C.
Jernigan, W. J. .....Cooper, N. C.
Johnson, J. Ruffin..Four Oaks, N. C.
Johnson, C. S. .....Benson, N. C.
Jackson, C. A. .....Dunn, N. C.
Lee, Lunda .....Dunn, N. C.
Lee, L. P. .....Dunn, N. C.
Pope, G. A. .....Dunn, N. C.
Pope, Hannibal .....Dunn, N. C.
Strickland, Robt....Four Oaks, N. C.
Strickland, W. B.....Dunn, N. C.
Summerlin, H. J.....Dunn, N. C.
Smith, J. A....Route 1, Saulston, N. C.

LICENTIATES.

Ransom Wilkins, Ernest Killett, J. J. Young (by proxy), W. M. Pleasant, L. B. Barbour, J. D. Avery, A. J. Butler.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory.
2. Enrollment of those entitled to membership.
3. Organization
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Call for Petitionary Letters.
6. Hand of Fellowship to Visiting Brethren.
7. Reports from Churches.
8. Reports from Committees.
9. Resolutions.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Adjournment.

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PROCEEDINGS.

New Hope, Johnson County, N. C., Oct. 28th, 1914.

The Sixtieth Annual Session of the Cape Fear Free-Will Baptist Conference met at the place and time above mentioned, and Elder J. Ruffin Johnson, who was elected at the last Conference to preach the Introductory Sermon, was absent on account of sickness, and Elder J. A. Blaylock, his alternate, was present and preached from I Kings 18:21, as follows: "And Elijah came unto all the people and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word."

Then one hour was taken for dinner.

First Day—Afternoon Session.

The Conference assembled at 2 P. M. and was called to order by Elder C. A. Jackson, as Elder H. W. Jernigan, Moderator, was absent on account of sickness. Prayer by Elder W. B. Hare. Then a letter was read from Bro. H. W. Jernigan, stating that it was impossible for him to be present at this session, and appointed Elder C. A. Jackson his assistant to take charge of the Moderator's place at this session of Conference.

Then those entitled to membership were enrolled, as follows:

OFFICERS.

Nathan Barefoot, Treasurer. J. R. Strickland, Secretary.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Obituary—J. A. Blaylock.
On Temperance—W. B. Strickland.
Deportment and Work of the Ministry—J. L. Alphin, R. H. Allen.
On Education—J. A. Blaylock, C. A. Jackson.
Mission Board—C. A. Jackson, H. B. Ryals.
Ordaining Council—C. A. Jackson, J. A. Blaylock.

ORDAINED MINISTERS PRESENT.

J. A. Blaylock, W. B. Hare, C. S. Johnson, C. A. Jackson, L. P. Lee, Robert Strickland, W. B. Strickland, H. J. Summerlin.

LICENTIATES.

Ransom Wilkins, Ernest Killett, J. J. Young (by proxy), W. M. Pleasant, L. B. Barbour, J. D. Avery.

LIST OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

Anderson Creek—Daniel Ray.
Beasley's Grove—J. J. Capps.
Fort Run—J. P. Howell, J. R. Ham, E. H. Suggs.

Free Chapel—G. W. Killett, E. A. Killett, G. C. Tilton.
Lee's Chapel—C. A. Jackson.
Mount Zion—By Letter.
New Hope—W. A. Massengill, H. R. Hayes.
Prospect—J. L. Byrd.
Piney Grove—C. M. Moore, W. A. Baker, Ashley Benson.
Red Hill—J. M. Messer, W. R. Hughes.
Stoney Run—W. E. Jernigan, L. W. Jernigan, M. Butler.
Savannah Hill—J. F. Core, J. E. Strickland.
Woods Grove—S. G. West, R. S. Hare.
Williams Grove—N. C. Massengill, W. M. Pleasant, L. B. Barbour.
Pleasant Grove—C. B. Byrd, N. R. Lucas, N. B. Norris.
Wright's Chapel—By Letter.

Then, by motion, the Moderator was empowered to appoint all the committees for this session of the Conference, and W. A. Massengille, W. B. Strickland, W. E. Jernigan, on religious; R. S. Hare, H. R. Hayes and C. B. Byrd, on finance; J. L. Byrd, J. F. Core and L. W. Jernigan, on boundaries. Then the Moderator calls to his assistance J. A. Blaylock; the Secretary calls W. E. Jernigan.

Then Bro. J. L. Byrd stated that the loyal part of Prospect which had built them a house, asked that the name be changed from Prospect to Erwin's Chapel; and, by motion of Bro. Nathan Barefoot, the name was changed to Erwin's Chapel.

Then the Committee on Religious Exercises reports to preach to-morrow night at 7:30, Bro Ransom Wilkins open and Elder H. J. Summerlin to preach.

Then Elder C. S. Johnson was appointed on Obituary to take Bro. D. J. Hill's place, who left us, and S. G. West on Obituary for this session.

Then by motion Conference calls off until to-morrow, 9:30 A. M. Prayer by Elder H. J. Summerlin.

Second Day.

Conference reassembled at 9:30 A. M. Religious exercise was conducted by Bro. L. B. Barbour. Roll was called; 10 absent, 4 excused, and 6 paid fines. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Then those who had come in were enrolled, as follows:

On Deportment and Work of the Ministry—H. N. Jernigan.
On Education—J. Ruffin Johnson.
Mission Board—J. Ruffin Johnson, Lemuel Hardie.
Ordaining Council—J. Ruffin Johnson.
Ordained Ministers—J. D. Butler, J. Ruffin Johnson, G. A. Pope.

Sister E. M. Law, visiting, and the hand of fellowship was extended to her.

Then, as it was time for the Doctrinal Sermon, the Conference calls off 15 minutes and the congregation assembles, and Elder C. A. Jackson, who was elected at the last Conference to preach, was present and preached from II Timothy, 3rd chapter and the first part of the 16th verse, to-wit: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine."

After the sermon one hour and forty minutes was given for dinner.

Afternoon—Second Day.

The Conference reassembled at 1:40 P. M. and Sister E. M. Law, who had been a missionary to China for seven years, was asked to give a short lecture on the work, which was very interesting, and a collection of $17.75 for Foreign Missions.

Then Brother Johnnie Hartley, an Elder of the Wilmington Conference, and Sister Annie M. Cotton, of Lower South Carolina Conference, were enrolled as visitors and the hand of fellowship extended.

Then the following churches reported:

Benson—Fannie Stewart, J. A. Hall.
Bizzell's Grove—David Jourdan, Washington Westbrook.
Dunn—By Letter.
Hodge's Chapel—J. M. McLamb, T. C. Miller, J. V. Barefoot.
Johnson Chapel—Luther Johnson, R. A. Holland.
Long Branch—J. F. Beasley, J. C. Pope.
New Zealand—H. N. Jernigan.
New Hope—G. R. Blackman.
Savannah Hill—John Godwin.
Teas Chapel—J. B. Pilkinton, W. R. Royal.
Yelverton's Grove—J. C. Jernigan.

Report of the Committee on Education was received and adopted. (See report.)

Then Bro. J. Ruffin Johnson was excused for this session.

Report of Sunday School Convention was received and adopted. (See report.)

Report of the Committee on Obituary was received and adopted. (See report.)

Then a petitionary letter was received from Lee's Grove Church, and by motion they were received and the delegates enrolled and the hand of fellowship extended.

Then a resolution was offered by Bros. J. L. Alphin, J. M. McLamb, T. C. Miller, J. V. Barefoot and Robert Strickland, as follows: That the time of holding the Annual session of the Cape Fear Free-Will Baptist Conference be changed from Wednesday before the first Sunday to Thursday before the Third Sunday in November, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Then by motion, the resolution was received and adopted.

Then by motion, the Conference calls off until 9:30 A. M. Prayer by Elder Robert Strickland.

Third Day.

Conference reassembled at 9:30. Religious exercise was conducted by Bro. Ernest Killett and the Saints sang and shouted. Roll was called and minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Report of the Ordaining Council was received and adopted. (See report.)

Report of the Committee on Boundary was received and adopted. (See report.)

Then, by motion, Bros. A. J. Butler was enrolled as a licentiate from Lee's Grove.

Report of the Committee on Religious Exercise, as follows: To open at 11 A. M., Rev. A. J. Butler and Eld. G. A. Pope to preach, and at 2:30 Bro. J. D. Avery open and Elder Johnnie Hartley to preach.

The report was received and the committee discharged.

Then, by motion, the money in the hands of Elder H. W. Jernigan was to be equally divided between Bizzell's Grove and Pleasant Grove Churches, to help pay expenses of the suits pending.

Then by motion the rules of order were suspended and the officers for the next two years were elected by acclamation, as follows: Elder C. A. Jackson, Moderator; Bro. Nathan Barefoot, Treasurer; J. R. Strickland, Jr., Secretary.

Then a petition was received from Hodges Chapel for the next Annual Conference, and by motion the petition was granted.

Then Elder C. A. Jackson was elected to preach the Introductory; Elder G. A. Pope, his alternate. Elder C. S. Johnson was elected to preach the Doctrinal Sermon on Friday at 11 A. M.

Then, by motion, the Secretary was ordered to have 1,000 copies of these proceedings printd and send 100 to the Wilmington Conference, and to draw $15.00 for his services, and also draw on the

Treasurer for the expense of printing and distributing the Minutes.

Report of the Finance Committee was received and adopted. (See report.)

Then a vote of thanks was extended this church and neighborhood for their hospitality during this session of Conference.

Then, by motion, Elder C. A. Jackson was to send the $50.00 returned by Sister Mary Duncan, with the $17.75 collection taken up for Foreign Missions, to Bro. Kelley, in China.

Then, by motion, Conference adjourned, to meet with Hodges Chapel Church, in Harnett County, Thursday before the third Sunday in November, 1915, at 11 o'clock A. M. Prayer by Elder C. A. Jackson.

ELDER C. A. JACKSON, *Assistant Moderator.*

J. R. STRICKLAND, JR., *Secretary.*

W. E. JERNIGAN, *Assistant Secretary.*

REPORTS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

We, the Committee on Education, submit the following report: We have some of the work now under way in that of prepairing the book, "What We Believe, and Why We Believe It," in twelve sermons, a book especially for the ministers and hope to be able to have the book ready for sale by next Conference.

J. RUFFIN JOHNSON,
J. A. BLALOCK,
H. H. GOFF,
C. A. JACKSON,
H. W. JERNIGAN,
Committee.

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE.

We, the Committee on Obituary, beg leave to make the following report:

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father has seen fit to remove from our midst to a higher sphere our beloved brother and minister of the Gospel, Levi E. Johnson; and,

Whereas, He has labored in this Conference about eighteen years, faithfully performing his duties and endearing himself to the hearts of the people; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we thank our Heavenly Father for Brother Johnson's ministry among us, and bow in humble submission to God's infinite wisdom in removing our beloved brother from us, feeling that his departure was but the gathering in of a matured sheaf of grain by the Lord of the harvest, our brother having at the time of his decease passed the years allotted to man; and be it further

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with his sorrowing relatives and wish to record this expression of the same; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this obituary be spread on our minutes, and also a copy be sent to the Apostolic Evangel for publication.

J. A. BLALOCK,
C. S. JOHNSON,
S. G. WEST,
Committee.

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL.

We, the Ordaining Council, wish to submit the following: We have examined Brothers J. J. Young and Ransom Wilkins and found them orthodox in the faith, but not qualified for ordination.

C. A. JACKSON,
J. A. BLAYLOCK,
J. RUFFIN JOHNSON,
Council.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES.

We, the Committee on Boundaries, submit the following: We have had the very best of behavior during this Conference.

L. W. JERNIGAN,
J. L. BYRD,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEPORTMENT.

We, the Committee on Deportment and Work of the Ministry, beg leave to report that we find nothing derogatory to the deportment of any of the ministers, except W. J. Jernigan, Hannibal Pope, J. A. Smith have failed to make any report to this Committee.

H. W. JERNIGAN,
J. L. ALPHIN,
R. H. ALLEN,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, the Committee on Finance, report as follows: We find in the hands of the Treasurer—

From last year, for Foreign Missions		$12.40
From last year, for Conference funds		13.06
From last year, for Minutes		.75
For Foreign Missions, this year		20.75
For Home Missions, this year		3.50
For Minutes, this year		23.75
For discipline and fines, this year		2.80
Paid for printing Minutes, 1913	$25.00	
Paid for distributing Minutes, 1913	3.75	

C. B. BYRD,
R. S. HARE,
H. R. HAYES,
Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT OF 1914.

Sunday School and Superintendent.	Delegates.	On roll.	Average Attendance.	Contribution.	Number of Officers.
Owen's Grove—J. E. Tew....	W. H. Taylor, J. E. Tew.....	119	75	$ 7.00	8
Long Branch—N. T. Altman..	W. H. Pope, C. H. Pope, L. W. Tart	73	53	13.36	10
Piney Grove—G. E. Prince...	George Hobson, W. K. Barefoot.. ...	92	60	19.40	8
Pleasant Grove—J. W. Lucas	Jessie A. West.....	30	27	.....	6
Hodges Chapel—J.M. McLamb	W. C. Barefoot.....	74	29	3.04	5
Savannah—Nathan Barefoot..	Rossie Barefoot, J. B. Barefoot. ...	96	48	12.07	6
Erwin's Chapel—Lloyd Ryals.	J. L. Byrd.....	90	75	14.83	8
Stoney Run—	J. B. Barefoot.....	75	55	9.92	....

The above convention met with Long Branch, October 24th, 1914, and elected Nathan Barefoot President and J. E. Tew, Secretary, and the next convention will meet with Savannah Hill Church in Sampson County on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1915.

NATHAN BAREFOOT, *President.*
J. E. TEW, *Secretary.*

PASTORS REPORTS FOR 1914.

MINISTERS.	Churches served.	Members Received.	Sermons preached.	Days in Revivals.	Churches organized.	Deacons ordained.	Funerals preached.	Sunday School lectures.	Married.	Mission Points.	Sunday Schools organized.	Amounts received.
Blaylock, J. A.	2	10	150	15	....	1	....	....	1	....	....	$210.00
Butler, J. D.	1	1	56	17	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	65.69
Goff, H. H.	....	....	300	300	....	....	....	4	1	....	....	550.00
Hare, W. B.	2	6	133	25	....	....	4	....	1	....	....	163.00
Jernigan, H. W. (sickness)	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Johnson, J. Ruffin	4	28	110	28	....	....	3	....	3	....	....	137.00
Johnson, C. S.	3	15	144	28	....	1	15	....	6	....	....	112.00
Jackson, C. A.	3	30	80	34	....	....	5	3	6	....	....	162.98
Pope, G. A.	3	92	....	15	1	3	3	....	3	2	....	80.00
Strickland, Robert	....	....	25	....	....	....	....	....	3	2	....	5.00
Strickland, W. B.	4	3	125	32	....	....	3	....	2	1	....	218.00
Summerlin, H. J.	1	16	20	10	....	....	....	....	1	1	1	20.00
Lee, L. P.	1	1	100	15	....	....	....	1	1	....	2	50.00

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1914.

CHURCHES.	For Minutes.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Paid Pastors.	Miscellaneous Funds.	Value of Church Property.	Received.	Baptized.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Died.	Increased.	Decreased.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Anderson Creek	$ .50	$	$	$28.30		$	4	1				1				35
Benson	.75			52.00	95.00	1000	1	1		11	1		10	18	48	66
Bizzell's Grove	1.00	28.60		12.05		400								16	27	43
Beasley's Grove	.55			17.00	89.92	750	17	13				17		9	19	28
Collier's Chapel	1.50			64.50	6.76	1000	1					1		43	63	106
Dunn	.50	2.00	5.00	36.00	225.00	1500								15	25	40
Erwin's Chapel	1.00	.50	.50	36.00	258.22	800	16	9			3	13		20	50	70
Fort Run	1.50			48.17	30.00	800	1	1		2			1	32	73	105
Free Chapel	.50	.50		41.00	49.42	600	1	1		1				12	17	29
Faro Chapel														3	17	20
Hodges Chapel	1.25			74.00		500	10	7	24		2		12	79	129	208
Johnson Chapel	.50			21.85	5.00	400			1		1		2	21	38	59
Long Branch	1.25			47.10										51	66	117
Lee's Chapel	.50										1		1	16	28	44
Lee's Grove	.50	.50				600								20	24	44
Mount Zion	.50			19.83	157.11	450	5	4		3		2		18	24	42
New Hope	1.25	70.95	11.25	45.00	12.00	1100	7	5	1			6		22	33	55
New Zealand	.50			36.20		250	1		3		1			15	28	43
Pleasant Grove	1.60	5.00	13.00	67.18	24.90	400	22	16			2	20		57	86	143
Piney Grove	1.00			42.50		600			4	3	1		8	16	42	58
Plain View	.75			45.00	5.00	300	1	1	1					23	37	60
Red Hill	1.00			25.00	14.40	4000	3		14		2		13	16	45	61
Stoney Run	1.60	50.00	16.00	50.00			5	5			8			41	70	111
Savannah Hill	1.00			52.00	10.00	700	10	9						18	24	42
Teas Chapel	.50	.25		20.50		500	1	1		2	1		2	4	32	36
Union Springs														18	5	23
Wood's Grove	2.00			72.00	48.32	1000	3		8	9	2		16	57	127	184
Williams Grove	.40								1		1		2	11	14	25
Wright's Chapel	.85			90.00	21.00	300	2	1				2		18	28	46
Owen's Grove	.65	2.50	2.50	52.40	20.00	550	6			1		5		42	59	101
Yelvington Grove	.50			27.00		400								10	20	30

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	PASTOR FOR 1914.
Anderson Creek	Alex Ray	Little River Acad. R. 1	W. B. Hare.
Benson	J. V. West	Benson	C. S. Johnson.
Bizzell's Grove	Dora Jernigan	Mount Olive, R. 7	Robert Strickland.
Beasley's Grove	Laura McLamb	Benson	H. J. Summerlin.
Collier's Chapel	E. W. Easom	Linden	J. A. Blaylock.
Dunn	Emma Lee Davis	Dunn	W. B. Strickland.
Erwin's Chapel	W. R. Avery	Duke	J. Ruffin Johnson.
Fort Run	E. F. Philips	LaGrange	J. D. Butler.
Free Chapel	G. C. Tilton	Goldsboro R. 5	J. A. Smith.
Hodge's Chapel	J. V. Barefoot	Dunn, R. 5	C. S. Johnson.
Faro Chapel	J. H. West	Saulston, R. 1	.....
Johnston Chapel	Delma Hardee	Benson, R. 1	J. Ruffin Johnson.
Long Branch	J. C. Pope	Dunn	C. A. Jackson.
Lee's Chapel	L. M. Lee	Dunn, R. 1	.....
Lee's Grove	Carl R. Hodges	Dunn, R. 5	G. A. Pope.
Mount Zion	Matilda Hare	Cooper	M. H. Alexander.
New Hope	J. B. Allen	Four Oaks R. 1	W. B. Strickland.
New Zealand	M. F. Blackman	Bentonsville	O. B. Garris.
Owen's Grove	Callie Herring	Clinton, R. 5	G. A. Pope.
Pleasant Grove	W. R. Lucas	Dunn, R. 4	C. A. Jackson.
Piney Grove	C. M. Moore	Four Oaks	W. B. Strickland.
Plainview	P. H. Highsmith	Keener	L. P. Lee.
Red Hill	H. B. Ryals	Duke	C. S. Johnson.
Stoney Run	W. E. Jernigan	Dunn	C. A. Jackson.
Savannah Hill	J. F. Core	Dunn, R. 6	J. Ruffin Johnson.
Teas Chapel	Virginia Woodall	Pine Level	J. Ruffin Johnson.
Wright's Chapel	N. M. Wright	Wagram, R. 1	W. B. Hare.
Williams Grove	A. W. Gregory	Varina	.....
Wood's Grove	J. J. Roberts	Goldsboro, R. 5	W. B. Strickland.
Yelverton's Grove	J. C. Jernigan	Smithfield	O. B. Garris.